

and they need to change the deadline from the end of this year, 12/31, to a time in 2021.

We cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good.

We call on Speaker PELOSI to call targeted, focused relief to the House floor today.

REMEMBERING MARINE CORPORAL RONALD R. PAYNE, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SPANO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the legacy of Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne, Jr., a local hero who proudly served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps and was killed in combat on May 7, 2004.

Payne graduated from Mulberry High School as a star football and basketball player.

As a marine, Payne had been part of the initial force that invaded Iraq and entered Baghdad. He then volunteered to return for a second overseas tour. He was initially sent to Afghanistan to help with elections but was then sent into combat.

Corporal Payne will be remembered as the first marine killed serving in Afghanistan.

He will also be remembered as a man of faith. A late journal entry reads, "The fear is starting to turn into excitement. Besides, what do I have to be afraid of really? I have God on my side, and He said He will never leave us nor forsake us. Having Him is better than any type of support or weapon that man can give."

To his family, our district still mourns Ron's loss. I salute you for raising such a hero who was also such a servant.

REMEMBERING STAFF SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN REINERS

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Staff Sergeant John Allen Reinners, a local hero from Florida's 15th District who served our country in the Armed Forces and who was sadly killed in combat in the Afghanistan theater.

After participating in Junior ROTC for 4 years and graduating from Haines City High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and then began with the Army Rangers.

He served at Fort Drum, New York, and Fort Carson, Colorado, and, during this time, also did two tours in Iraq, where he received his first Purple Heart.

In 2001, Staff Sergeant Reinners died of wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan's Zhari Province.

He was awarded his second Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal posthumously for his valiant service and dedication to his team.

At home, Reinners was also a devoted husband to Casey and father to Lex.

To the entire Reinners family, our district and community still mourn

John's loss. He was truly the epitome of a great American soldier, and his sacrifices will not be forgotten.

REMEMBERING SPECIALIST RYAN MICHAEL LUMLEY

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and legacy of Specialist Ryan Lumley, a devoted husband and son who served this country in the Armed Forces and was killed in combat in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, on December 3, 2011.

Ryan graduated from Cedar Key High School in 2008, joined the U.S. Army in 2009, and soon thereafter reported to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, where he excelled with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

Unfortunately, at the young age of 21, Ryan lost his life to an improvised explosive device.

Due to his outstanding service and dedication to our country, Ryan was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and several other badges and ribbons.

Ryan is survived by his wife, Kimber, a loving family, and many hometown friends who remember him fondly for his strong character and patriotism.

While some time has passed since his departure, may his legacy continue to uplift his loved ones and encourage a grateful Nation.

REMEMBERING SERGEANT DANIEL MCKINNON ANGUS

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Sergeant Daniel McKinnon Angus, a local hero of Florida's 15th District who was killed in action in Afghanistan on January 24, 2010.

Daniel graduated from Armwood High School in 2000 and, in 2003, joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he knew he belonged and hoped to make a career of serving his community and his country.

Daniel stood out among his peers and received a Combat Action Ribbon, two Good Conduct Medals, the Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and a number of service decorations.

He loved spending time with his wife, Bonnie, and his 1-year-old daughter, now 11 years old. May she always know and treasure the knowledge of her father's heroism.

You see, men and women like Daniel, who are willing to lay down their lives in defense of our country and in support of others many miles away, are what makes our Nation the greatest on Earth.

Let us never take their sacrifice or that of their surviving families in vain.

DEFENDING MOTION TO RECOMMIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm that House Demo-

crats are considering a rule change that would severely limit the rights of the minority party in the House for years to come.

I am referring to the partisan push to water down or to eliminate the motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, the MTR, as it is called, is a critical procedural tool that gives the minority party one last opportunity to improve legislation before a final vote on this House floor. An MTR not only increases transparency between Members of Congress and their constituents, but it holds Members accountable and forces them to go on record for viewpoints that they hold.

Weakening the MTR would only serve to shield Members from criticism, suffocate debate on key policy issues, and overturn longstanding House precedent. It would be a blatant power grab by the majority Democrat Party.

That is why my colleagues and I will be appealing to the Rules Committee this week in writing, demanding that the MTR be preserved.

CONFRONTING VOTER FRAUD

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, for the past 2 weeks, I have heard from an overwhelming number of my constituents, and they do not have confidence in the integrity of November's election.

They are outraged that media pundits and establishment Democrat politicians are sneering at the very concept of taking the time to ensure that every legal vote is counted and that every illegal vote is thrown out.

Every citizen has a right to seek justice in a court of law, and that includes the President of the United States. His legal team needs to be given the time to collect and present evidence of voting and tabulation irregularities.

Until the courts have played their constitutional role, we should be wary of declaring winners and losers.

Look, if we could spend 2 years investigating conspiracy theories about Russian collusion, we should be able to take a few weeks to confirm the integrity of this election.

I am glad that Attorney General Bill Barr authorized the Department of Justice to investigate any and all allegations of illegal activity. He took this necessary step after 38 of my House colleagues and I requested that the Department leave no stone unturned in this effort.

We will also be introducing legislation this very week that will require the DOJ to create a national strategy to identify and combat voter intimidation, fraud, ballot system glitches, sabotage, and hacking.

Mr. Speaker, voting is the most sacred civic duty in our Nation. In an election for our Nation's highest office, involving unprecedented levels of mail-in voting, we must take the time to ensure that every legal vote is counted and every illegal vote is not counted.

Nothing is more important than the integrity of our ballots.